

# 2012 INDIANA Fishing REGULATIONS

**DNR** Indiana Department  
of Natural Resources

**fishing.IN.gov**

## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise exempted, you must have a valid fishing license to fish in public lakes, streams, rivers or tributaries in Indiana or its boundary waters. A valid trout/salmon stamp also is required to fish for or take trout and salmon from public waters.

License holders must carry their license while fishing and present it upon request to a conservation officer (or any authorized law enforcement official).

There are fines and penalties for fishing without a license. A fishing license may be revoked if the license holder is convicted of violating fish and wildlife regulations.

A person has to have lived in Indiana continuously for 60 days in order to purchase a resident fishing license. All others are non-residents.

### You do not need a license if...

#### Resident Anglers:

- Indiana residents born before April 1, 1943.
- Resident age 17 and younger.
- Residents who are legally blind.
- Residents of a state-owned mental rehabilitation facility.
- Residents of any licensed health care facility in Indiana taking part in a supervised fishing activity sponsored by the facility.
- Landowners or lessees of farmland, who farm that land, their spouses and children living with them, while fishing in public waters from the farmland they own or lease.
- Indiana residents engaged in full-time military service while on approved military leave; the angler must carry leave orders and a valid Indiana driver's license or voter registration card.

#### Non-resident Anglers:

- Non-resident age 17 or younger are exempt.
- Non-resident military personnel stationed in Indiana must obtain a resident license.
- Some non-resident landowners, while fishing in public waters from the farmland they own, according to exemptions their

## Licenses

	Resident <sup>1</sup>	Non-resident	Resident Apprentice	Non-resident Apprentice
Annual Fishing	\$17	\$35	na	na
One-Day Fishing <sup>2</sup>	\$9	\$9	na	na
Seven-Day Fishing	na	\$20	na	na
Senior Annual Fishing <sup>2</sup>	\$3	na	na	na
Senior Fish for Life <sup>2</sup>	\$17	na	na	na
Trout/Salmon Stamp Privilege	\$11	\$11	na	na
Annual Hunting	\$17	\$80	\$17	\$80
Annual Hunting and Fishing	\$25	na	\$25	na
Youth Consolidated Hunt/Fish	\$7	na	\$7	na
Disabled American Veterans Hunt/Fish	\$2.75	na	na	na

**All 2012 annual licenses and stamp privileges are valid from April 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013. 2012 license fees are subject to change by the Natural Resources Commission. For a list of current license fees, go to [fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov) or call (317) 232-4200.**

<sup>1</sup> See resident description located at the left of this chart.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Trout/Salmon Stamp Privilege.

na = not applicable

states provide Indiana residents. See [fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov) or call (317) 232-4200 for details.

## HOW TO BUY A LICENSE

**Online:** Go to [IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov](http://IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov)

**In Person:** Visit a retailer or DNR site listed at [IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov](http://IndianaOutdoor.IN.gov), or visit the DNR Customer Service Center, Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington St., W160, Indianapolis. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**By Mail:** Specify the license you need and send the following information with your order:

- Name, date of birth, Indiana Driver's License number or Social Security number
  - Complete address, city, state, ZIP and phone number
  - Height, weight, color of hair and eyes
- Include a check or money order (payable to DNR) or Visa or MasterCard (include number, expiration date). Send the order information and payment to:

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DNR Customer Service Center  
402 W. Washington St., W160  
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

Indiana disabled American veterans can get a DAV fishing license application form from the County Service Officer or download the application form at [fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov). Mail the form with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the DNR Customer Service Center.



*This is a summary of Indiana fishing regulations. It is designed as a service to anglers and is not intended to be a complete digest of all fishing regulations. Most regulations are subject to change by administrative rule. Contact the Indiana DNR Division of Communications at (317) 232-4003 before reproducing any part of this booklet.*

Please go to Division of Fish & Wildlife  
online: **fishing.IN.gov**  
for a more complete description of  
fishing regulations.

## THINGS YOU CAN DO:

🐟 Fish with up to **three poles or hand lines** at one time. Each line is limited to no more than two single or multi-barbed hooks, two artificial baits or two live bait harnesses.

🐟 **Fish with a trot line** – a line that extends into the water from a fixed point and has smaller drop lines attached to it; limited to one trot line at a time with no more than 50 single- or multi-barbed hooks, and each drop line having only one hook. A legible tag with the name and address of the user must be affixed to each trot line.

🐟 Take carp, gar, bowfin, buffalo and shad **with a spear, gig, spear gun, bow and arrow or underwater spear** under certain conditions and on limited waters.

🐟 **Limb line** fish with no more than 10 limb or drop lines at any one time. Each line may have no more than one single- or multi-barbed hook attached to it. Each line must have a readable tag showing the name and address of the user. All lines must be checked at least once every 24 hours. It is illegal to use a limb or drop line within 300 yards of any partial or full dam structure on any stream, river, ditch, canal or reservoir.

🐟 **Float or jug** fish by using a buoyed container that suspends a single line and a single- or multi-barbed hook. As many as five floats may be used. Each float must be marked with the user's name and address, and the user must be in constant visual contact with all floats. NOTE: Float fishing is not allowed on lakes and reservoirs for public safety reasons.

🐟 Use **landing nets, gaff hooks or grab hooks** to assist in landing legally caught fish. Note: These devices may not be used as a method of catching fish.

🐟 Keep fish you catch for an aquarium if the fish meets legal size and bag limit requirements.

🐟 Take **smelt** from Lake Michigan and Oliver Lake (LaGrange County) from March 1 through May 30. Smelt may be taken only with a single seine or net. The seine or net may not exceed 12 feet in length and 6 feet in depth nor have a stretch mesh larger than 1 ½ inches. A dip net may not exceed 12 feet in diameter.

🐟 Collect **minnows and crayfish** if you possess a valid fishing license. Some restrictions apply for possession limits and allowable equipment.

🐟 Use some species of wild fish as live bait, as long as the fish are caught legally and meet any size, catch, or possession

## Indiana's Statewide Daily Bag and Size Limits

SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE
<b>bluegill</b> <sup>3</sup>	None <sup>3</sup>	None
<b>redeer sunfish</b> <sup>3</sup>	25 <sup>3</sup>	None
<b>black bass</b> (in lakes and rivers) <sup>2</sup>	5 singly or in aggregate <sup>1</sup> (in lakes and rivers)	14 inches (in lakes exceptions: page 3) 12 inches (in rivers exceptions: page 3)
<b>black bass</b> (in Lake Michigan) <sup>2</sup>	3 singly or in aggregate <sup>1</sup>	14 inches
<b>yellow bass</b>	None	None
<b>white bass, hybrid striped bass</b>	12 singly or in aggregate <sup>1</sup> , no more than two fish may exceed 17 inches	None
<b>striped bass</b>	2	None
<b>rock bass</b>	25	None
<b>crappie</b> <sup>3</sup>	25 <sup>3</sup>	None
<b>walleye, walleye-sauger hybrid</b> <sup>4</sup>	6 singly or in aggregate <sup>1</sup>	14 inches <sup>4</sup>
<b>sauger</b>	6 singly or in aggregate <sup>1</sup>	None
<b>muskellunge and tiger muskellunge</b>	1 singly	36 inches
<b>northern pike</b>	3	20 inches
<b>yellow perch</b>	None (15 on Lake Michigan only)	None
<b>catfish: channel, blue, flathead</b> (in streams)	None	10 inches
<b>catfish: channel, blue, flathead</b> (in lakes, reservoirs)	10	None
<b>bullhead</b>	None	None
<b>shovelnose sturgeon</b>	None	25 inches (fork length)

<sup>1</sup> "Singly or in aggregate" means that the daily bag limit includes any combination of the species. <sup>2</sup> Black bass includes largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass. <sup>3</sup> Daily bag limit for sunfish at J.C. Murphey Lake (Newton Co.) is 25 singly or in aggregate. <sup>4</sup> St. Joseph River (Elkhart and St. Joseph counties minimum size limit is 15 inches)

NOTE: The possession limit is two days daily bag limit.

limits established for that species. Goldfish may be used as live bait. Carp cannot be used as live bait at any location. Live gizzard shad and threadfin shad may be collected, possessed and used as live bait on the following waters only but may not be transported away from the location where collected:

- Brookville, Cecil M. Harden, Monroe and Patoka
- Lake Freeman, Lake Shafer, Hardy Lake
- Ohio River mainstem, excluding all embayments

Any unused shad must be killed while at these water bodies. Live gizzard shad or threadfin shad collected at other water bodies will need to be killed immediately upon capture and cannot be possessed live.

## THINGS YOU CAN'T DO:

🐟 Take fish from public waters with a weir, electric current, dynamite, firearm, crossbow, hands alone, or any substance that may weaken or poison a fish.

🐟 Use a **casting net** to catch sport fish.

🐟 Take **paddlefish** from any waters of Indiana, including Indiana waters of the Ohio River, on a sport fishing license.

🐟 Take or possess **lake sturgeon** or any of these other state-endangered fish: bantam sunfish, cavefish, channel darter, gilt darter, greater redhorse, northern brook lamprey, pallid shiner, redbreasted dace, or variegated darter.

🐟 Release live fish (native or non-native) into public waters without a **stocking permit** issued by the DNR.

🐟 **Snag** fish from public waters, including the Ohio River. Snagging is the practice of dragging or jerking a hook (or hooks), baited or unbaited, through the water with the intention of hooking a fish on contact.

🐟 Collect or take live or dead **mussel shells** from public waters.

🐟 Possess live aquatic invasive mussels such as Asiatic clam, quagga mussel and zebra mussel.

🐟 Buy, **sell or barter** any fish, frogs, turtles or other reptiles and amphibians taken under a fishing or hunting license.

# OHIO RIVER

Sport fishing regulations on the Ohio River are the result of a cooperative effort by Indiana and five other Ohio River states.

In many cases, these rules differ significantly from other laws and regulations in Indiana. They apply only to the main stem of the Ohio River and do not include any tributaries or embayments, where general Indiana fishing regulations apply.

A person holding an Indiana fishing license (resident or non-resident), or who is exempt from having a license in Indiana, may fish from either bank of the Ohio River or, by boat, any part of the main stem of the river. The interstate reciprocal license agreement with Kentucky does not apply to tributaries of the Ohio River in either state. Fishing the tributaries requires a license from that state.

Ohio River sport fish include:

- black crappie                      trout
- white crappie                      northern pike
- largemouth bass                      muskellunge
- rock bass                      tiger muskellunge
- smallmouth bass                      chain pickerel
- spotted bass                      walleye
- yellow bass                      sauger
- striped bass                      saugeye
- hybrid striped bass

Paddlefish may not be taken from any portion of Indiana waters of the Ohio River. It is illegal to take paddlefish from any Indiana waters on a sport fishing license.

The following methods may be used for sport fish on the Ohio River:

- Poles or hand lines
- Float-fishing methods
- Set lines with one single- or mutli-barbed hook
- Trot lines (limit two) with no more than 50 single- or mutli-barbed hooks per drop line may be used. Drop lines for trot lines must be spaced at least 18 inches apart. Trot lines must be checked at least once every 24 hours.

Snagging is prohibited on the Ohio River.

All other fish, except those classified as threatened or endangered, may be taken as well with the following methods:

- Long or compound bow with an arrow having one or more barbs and an attached line. Catfish and paddlefish cannot be taken with bow and arrow during nighttime hours (half hour after sunset until

## Ohio River Daily Bag and Size Limits

SPECIES	BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE
largemouth bass smallmouth bass spotted bass	6*	12 inches No size limit on spotted bass
white bass yellow bass striped bass hybrid striped bass	30*	No more than four fish may be 15 inches or longer
rock bass	15	None
crappie	30	None
muskellunge tiger muskellunge	2*	30 inches
walleye sauger hybrid walleye (saugeye)	10*	None
*Singly or in aggregate, which means the catch limit includes any combination of the species. For instance, your daily bag could include 30 white bass or 30 hybrid striped bass or any combination of the two species equalling no more than 30. NOTE: The possession limit is two days daily bag limit.		

half hour before sunrise). Crossbows are illegal.

- Giggling from Feb. 1 to May 10 with any pronged or barbed instrument attached to the end of a rigid object. Fish cannot be giggered from either a boat or platform.

## LARGEMOUTH BASS

See table on page 2 for Statewide Bass Regulations.

Special largemouth bass regulations are in effect for many Indiana waters. The expected benefit of size limits are an increase in the number of bass caught (although many must be released); an increase in size of bass; and in some cases, improvement in bluegill size and increased predation on abundant prey, such as gizzard shad.

**The special regulations include (county in parentheses):**

### 15-inch minimum size limit:

- Dogwood Lake (Davies)
- Patoka Lake (Crawford, Dubois and Orange)

### 16-inch minimum size limit:

- Cecil M. Harden Lake (Parke)

### 18-inch minimum size and two-fish daily limit:

- Ball Lake (Steuben)
- Blue Grass, Loon Lake (Warrick)
- Gibson Lake (Gibson)
- J.C. Murphey Lake (Newton)
- Robinson Lake (Kosciusko and Whitley)
- All lakes at Tri-County FWA

### 20-inch minimum size and one-fish daily limit:

- Turtle Creek Reservoir (Sullivan)

**12- to 15-inch slot size limit** (No largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches in length may be taken):

- Buffalo Trace Lake (Harrison)
- Celina Lake (Perry)
- Ferdinand State Forest Lake (Dubois)
- Indian Lake (Perry)
- Montgomery City Park Lake (Davies)
- Saddle Lake (Perry)
- Scales Lake (Warrick)
- Shakamak State Park lakes (Clay, Greene and Sullivan)
- Tipsaw Lake (Perry)

### No minimum-size:

- Brownstown State Fishing Area (Jackson)
- Burdette Park lakes (Vanderburgh)
- Chandler Town park (Warrick)
- Cypress Lake State Fishing Area (Jackson)
- Deming Park lakes (Vigo)
- Garvin Park Lake (Vanderburgh)
- Glen Miller Pond (Wayne)
- Hayswood Lake (Harrison)
- Henry County Memorial Park Lake (Henry)
- Hovey Lake at Hovey Lake FWA (Posey)
- Krannert Lake (Marion)
- Lake Sullivan (Marion)
- Ruster Lake (Marion)
- Schnebelt Pond (Dearborn)

## SPECIAL STREAM BLACK BASS REGULATIONS

### 20-inch minimum size limit and one fish daily bag limit

- Sugar Creek (Montgomery, Parke, Boone, Clinton and Tipton)

**12- to 15-inch slot size limit** (No more than two bass larger than 15 inches):

- Blue River (Crawford, Harrison and Washington)

## LAKE MICHIGAN AND TRIBUTARIES

Special regulations apply to trout and salmon fishing on Lake Michigan and its tributaries. They include:

- The possession limit for trout or salmon is five (no more than two may be lake trout).
- The possession limit for yellow perch is 15 while fishing Indiana waters (even if you have a fishing license from a neighboring state).
- Sucker, carp, gar, bowfin, buffalo and shad may be taken from Lake Michigan with a bow and arrow.
- Use of a trot line (power line), set line or throw line is prohibited on Lake Michigan.
- Fishing is not allowed within 100 feet above or below the Praxair Dam on the East Branch of the Little Calumet River.
- In waters that include Lake Michigan tributaries, the St. Joseph River and its tributary streams from the Twin Branch Dam downstream to the Michigan state line (St. Joseph County), you may not fish with more than one single hook per line or one artificial bait or harness for use with live bait.
- See Page 3 for Lake Michigan bass regulations.

## TRIBUTARY RESTRICTIONS:

There is no closed season for taking trout and salmon from Lake Michigan, but certain tributary streams are closed to all fishing from April 1 through June 15. These streams are stocked annually with trout and salmon, and the closure allows small, vulnerable fish to migrate safely to Lake Michigan. The closure applies to:

- East Branch of Little Calumet River from U.S. 12 upstream to U.S. 20 in Porter County.
- Trail Creek from the Franklin Street Bridge (Michigan City) upstream to U.S. 35 in LaPorte County.

It is illegal to possess a fish spear, gig, gaff, bowfishing equipment, crossbow, grab hook, spear gun, club, snag hook or underwater spear in or adjacent to the Galena River (LaPorte County), Trail Creek (LaPorte County), East Branch of Little Calumet River (LaPorte and Porter counties), West Branch of Little Calumet River

## Lake Michigan and Tributaries Sizes and Limits

SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE
chinook salmon	5 total salmon and trout <i>No more than 2 may be lake trout.</i>	14 inches Lake Michigan, streams, and St. Joseph River
coho salmon		
Atlantic salmon		
pink salmon		
brown trout		
steelhead trout		
lake trout	15 on Lake Michigan only	None
yellow perch		
NOTE: The possession limit is two days daily bag limit.		

(Lake and Porter counties), Salt Creek (Porter County), Burns Ditch (Lake and Porter counties), Deep River downstream from the dam at Camp 133 (Lake County), or the tributaries to these waterways.

Any fish taken from the Lake Michigan tributaries defined in this section must be hooked in the mouth. Foul-hooked fish must be returned to the water.

## ST. JOSEPH RIVER

Special regulations apply to fishing the St. Joseph River and its tributaries from Twin Branch Dam in Mishawaka downstream to the Michigan state line. These include:

- Minimum size for trout and salmon is 14 inches.
- No fishing is allowed at any time in the East Race Waterway in South Bend, or within 100 feet of the entrance or exit of the East Race.
- No fishing is allowed at any time from the fish ladders located on the South Bend or Mishawaka Central Park dams.
- No fishing is allowed within 100 feet of the entrances or exits of fish ladders.
- No fishing is allowed by boat or other watercraft in the St. Joseph River below the South Bend dam for a distance of 200 feet, and from the Mishawaka Central Park dam downstream to the Main Street bridge, Mishawaka.

## Fishing Reports

Lake Michigan (219) 874-0009  
Updated weekly March through December.

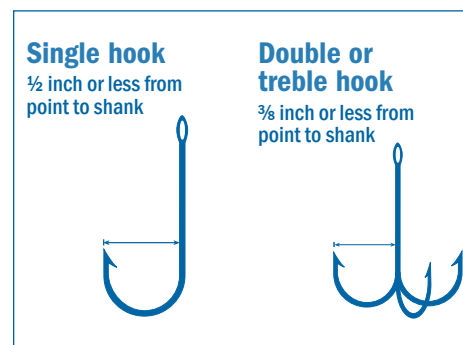
St. Joseph River (574) 257-TIPS  
Updated weekly mid-February through April and mid-June to mid-December.

[fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov)

## HOOK RESTRICTIONS

In the waters including Lake Michigan tributaries, the St. Joseph River and its tributary streams from the Twin Branch Dam downstream to the Michigan state line (St. Joseph County), you may not fish with more than one single hook per line or one artificial bait or harness for use with live bait.

Single hooks, including those on artificial baits, cannot exceed ½ inch from point to shank. Double and treble hooks are only allowed on artificial baits and shall not exceed ¾ inch from point to shank.



## FREE FISHING WEEKEND June 2-3, 2012

Indiana residents can enjoy a weekend of fishing without purchasing a license.

This year, take friends along and introduce them to a new activity that that could become a lifelong passion.

(All other rules and regulations are enforced.)



## TROUT

The opening day of trout season on inland streams, other than Lake Michigan tributaries, is the last Saturday in April. Starting time is 6 a.m. (local). The trout season on streams runs through Dec. 31.

Catch-and-release applies to all trout streams from Jan. 1 through April 14.

Selected trout streams are closed from April 15 to the last Saturday in April to allow hatcheries to complete annual trout stockings. Those streams include:

- Pigeon River and Pigeon Creek in LaGrange County from the Steuben County line to LaGrange County Road 410 E (Troxel's Bridge). This does not include the Mongo Mill Pond.
- Harding Run, Curtis Creek, Bloody Run and Graveyard Run (tributaries of Pigeon River) in LaGrange County.
- Turkey Creek north of CR 100 S in LaGrange County.
- Rainbow Pit in Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area.
- Little Elkhart River and Rowe-Eden Ditch in LaGrange County.
- Solomon Creek and Cobus Creek in Elkhart County.
- Little Kankakee River upstream from CR 800 E to Division Road in LaPorte County.
- Mississinewa River within the boundaries of the Randolph County Wildlife Management Area.
- Big Blue River within the boundaries of Wilbur Wright Fish & Wildlife Area in Henry County.

Three streams in Elkhart County are designated year-round as "catch-and-release only" and "artificial lures or flies only" trout fishing areas. They are:

- Little Elkhart River from CR 43 downstream to CR 16, except for waters along Riverbend Park from CR 16 upstream to the pedestrian bridge.
- Solomon Creek from CR 33 downstream to the Elkhart River.
- Cobus Creek from Old U.S. 20 downstream to the St. Joseph River.

There is no closed season for taking trout from inland lakes, except from March 15 to April 1 for:

- Island Lake on Minnehaha FWA, Sullivan County.
- Greene-Sullivan State Forest lakes.

For stocking sites go to: [fishing.IN.gov/3622.htm](http://fishing.IN.gov/3622.htm)

## Inland Trout Sizes and Limits

SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE
brook trout	5 singly or in aggregate for all trout.	7 inches*
rainbow trout	No more than 3 may be lake trout.	
lake trout	No more than 1 may be brown trout.	
brown trout*		
*18" minimum size limit at Oliver, Olin and Martin lakes in LaGrange Co., and Brookville Lake tailwater in Franklin Co.		
NOTE: The possession limit is two days daily bag limit.		

## BOATING

All motorboats used in public waters must be registered. For a copy of Indiana boating laws, write to DNR Division of Law Enforcement, 402 W. Washington St., Room W255D, Indianapolis, IN, 46204.

Only electric motors may be used on state-owned, leased or licensed lakes smaller than 300 acres. No more than two 12-volt batteries can be used to power trolling motors in these waters.

### Life preservers (Wear It! Indiana)

"WEAR IT INDIANA" is a public outreach campaign designed to encourage the use of personal flotation devices (life jackets) while boaters and swimmers are enjoying Indiana waterways.



A U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device (Type 1, 2, 3 or 5) is required for each person on any boat. Boats 16 feet and longer, except for canoes or kayaks, must also have one USCG-approved throwable PFD on board.

Lake Michigan and the Ohio River and boundary waters of the Wabash River have special PFD regulations. Call the USCG at (219) 879-8371 for Lake Michigan, (502) 779-5400 for southern Indiana, or see [uscgboating.org](http://uscgboating.org) for a copy of federal boating regulations.

## EATING FISH

Eating recreationally caught fish from Indiana waters can be a healthy and tasty activity when you have the proper information.

The contaminants accumulate in human tissue like they do in fish and can build to levels that could pose a health threat. *The consumption advisory is based on a model that people are consuming 8 oz. of fish on 225 days each year over 70 years.* Most anglers do not eat wild-caught fish nearly this frequently.

**The primary concern is with the at-risk population.** This population comprises women of childbearing years, nursing mothers and children under age 15. The reason for extra concern is evidence of developmental problems in babies and young children from contaminants at levels lower than what can be safely eaten by adults.

**Eating fish from lakes and reservoirs is generally less of a concern.** Contaminant levels are generally very low in lakes and reservoirs.

**Eating fish from rivers and streams is generally a much higher concern.**

All 13 water bodies carrying do-not-eat consumption advisories for all species are streams.

Consult the Indiana Fish Consumption Advisory for much more detailed information. The advisory can be found at [IN.gov/isdh/23650.htm](http://IN.gov/isdh/23650.htm). For more information on the fish consumption advisory or answers to questions concerning the advisory, contact: Indiana State Department of Health, Environmental Epidemiology Section, 2525 Shadeland Ave., Suite E, Indianapolis, IN 46219, (317) 351-7190, ext. 262.

## REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

All reptiles and amphibians native to Indiana are protected by law.

Species of frogs, lizards, salamanders, snakes, toads or turtles (including box turtles) on the state or federal endangered species list may not be collected from the wild at any time.

Species specified as game animals (common snapping turtle, smooth softshell turtle, spiny softshell turtle, bullfrog and green frog) may be collected in compliance with license requirements, season dates, bag limits and legal trapping methods.

Indiana residents over age 17 must possess a valid hunting or fishing license when collecting species of reptiles and amphibians. All non-resident adults and most non-resident youth must possess a non-resident annual hunting license.

### Reptiles/Amphibians Seasons and Limits

SPECIES	SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT	RESTRICTIONS
<b>Game turtles</b> · common snapping turtle · smooth softshell turtle · spiny softshell turtle	year-round	25*	50*	Turtle traps may be used but may not have an opening below the water surface.
<b>Game frogs</b> · bullfrog · green frog	June 15- Apr. 30	25*	50*	Frogs may be taken with gig or spear with a head not more than 3 inches in width and a single row of tines, long bow and arrow, club, hands alone, or pole or hand line with not more than one hook or artificial lure attached. Firearms used for frog hunting are restricted to a .22-caliber firearm loaded with bird shot only.
* "Singly or in aggregate", which means the catch limit includes any combination of the species. NOTE: The possession limit is two days daily bag limit.				

Non-game reptiles and amphibians may not be taken from any DNR property without a scientific purposes license. See [fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov) for a list of Indiana's native species. The possession limit for non-endangered, non-game species is four,

with the exception of the Eastern box turtle. Collected species may not be sold.

Legally collected amphibians or reptiles kept in captivity less than 30 days may be released only at their original capture site if they have never been housed with another animal.

## 2012 RECORD FISH PROGRAM

*ITS FUN & FREE!  
SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY  
TODAY!*

The Division of Fish and Wildlife sponsors two award programs recognizing outstanding catches by sport anglers. **The Indiana Record Fish Program** recognizes new State Record catches. **The Fish of the Year program** recognizes anglers who catch the largest fish of each species that is smaller than the current state record. Weight is the measurement used for state record fish. Total length is used for Fish of the Year. Both programs have the same fish divisions and use the same entry form for submitting information. Winners receive a certificate and a colorful jacket patch.

Fish of the Year entries may be submitted electronically along with digital photographs and fishing license number to [recordfish@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:recordfish@dnr.IN.gov). Postal mailed entry forms and pictures will not be returned to the angler.

For a list of general rules and an entry form, go to [fishing.IN.gov/3577.htm](http://fishing.IN.gov/3577.htm)



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)

## WHERE TO FISH FINDER

The Where to Fish Finder at [fishing.IN.gov](http://fishing.IN.gov) displays location and other information on more than 800 fishing sites across the state. Anglers seeking fishing spots or launching ramps can use the interactive map to zoom in on specific locations, view aerial photos to learn the lay of the land, and click on icons to get other information. Available information can include area name, availability of ADA access, boat ramp type and fees, permissions and restrictions for boat motors and shore fishing.

The access sites on the map include state properties, county parks, city parks and municipalities. Fee information includes daily-use fee or DNR Lake Permit status. Boats on state park, reservoir or forestry properties need a DNR Lake Permit.



## TURN IN A POACHER

Help eliminate the illegal taking of Indiana's fish and wildlife, and stop pollution and destruction of rivers and wetlands.

**Report Poaching**  
**Call (800) - TIP-IDNR**  
 (847 -4367)

## LAW ENFORCEMENT REGION HEADQUARTERS

North Region Headquarters  
 1124 N. Mexico Road  
 Peru, IN 46970  
 (765) 473-9722  
[ICONR@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ICONR@dnr.IN.gov)

South Region Headquarters  
 4850 S. S.R. 446  
 Bloomington, IN 47401  
 (812) 837-9536  
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